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The NEPA compliance process is a cooperative, non-adversarial process involving members of the public, state governments and the Federal government. The process affords all persons interested in or potentially affected by the environmental consequences of a proposed action an opportunity to present their views, which will be considered in the preparation of the environmental documentation for the proposed action. Intervening and becoming a party to this proceeding will not create any special status for the petitioner with regard to the NEPA process. Notice of upcoming NEPA activities and information on how the public can participate in those activities will appear in the **Federal Register**. Additional announcements will appear in local newspapers and public libraries and/or reading rooms in the vicinity of the proposed transmission line.

Copies of this application will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above. In addition, the application may be reviewed or downloaded from the Fossil Energy Home Page at: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>. Upon reaching the Fossil Energy Home page, select "Regulatory" and then "Electricity" from the options menu.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-731-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Application

August 26, 1998.

Take notice that on August 18, 1998, ANR Pipeline Company (ANR), 500 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, filed in Docket No. CP98-731-000 an abbreviated application pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act for authorization and approval to abandon

a gas exchange service with Shell Offshore Inc. (Shell), performed under Rate Schedule X-157 which was authorized in Docket No. CP85-393-000, all as more fully set forth in the application on file with the Commission and open to public inspections.

No facilities are proposed to be abandoned as a result of the Commission's approval of this application. This exchange agreement was signed July 31, 1984, and was designated as Rate Schedule X-157. The applicant's facilities will continue to be available for service on an open-access basis pursuant to Part 284 of the Commission's regulations. By a letter dated June 1, 1998, ANR notified Shell of its desire to terminate the Agreement under Rate Schedule X-157, effective as of the date of such letter and or such later date as the Commission may deem appropriate. The abandonment is being proposed because no volumes have been exchanged for at least 10 years, the Purchase Contract was jointly canceled in 1988, and the parties have mutually agreed to terminate this exchange service. No imbalances exist.

ANR states that authorization to abandon the service performed under ANR's Rate Schedule X-157 will not impair any of the service obligations to its remaining customers.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said application should on or before September 16, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to the jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will

be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this application if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that permission and approval for the proposed abandonment are required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for ANR to appear or be represented at the hearing.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP95-408-000 (Phase II)]

Columbia Gas Transmission Corp.; Notice of Informal Settlement Conference

August 26, 1998.

Take notice that an informal settlement conference in this proceeding will be convened on Wednesday, September 2, 1998, at 1:00 p.m. The settlement conference will be held at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, for the purpose of exploring the possible settlement of the above referenced docket.

Any party, as defined by 18 CFR 385.102(c), or any participant as defined in 18 CFR 385.102(b), is invited to attend. Persons wishing to become a party must move to intervene and receive intervenor status pursuant to the Commission's regulations (18 CFR 385.214).

For additional information, contact Thomas J. Burgess at (202) 208-2058 or David R. Cain at (202) 208-0917.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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